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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method of ~~suppressing formation of memory cells of the immune system of a mammal in need thereof~~treating an autoimmune disease, comprising administering an anti-IL-15 inhibiting or eliminating compounds to the mammal~~antibody or a fragment of said antibody to a mammal in need thereof, when the auto-immune response is subsiding in order to suppress formation of memory cells of the immune system.~~

Claim 10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 9 wherein the memory cells are CD4<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes.

Claim 11-20. (Cancelled)